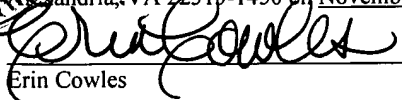


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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2005, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after November 30, 2005, please consider the following:

A listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. No changes are made to the claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.